

and every naval officer and other person concerned in the collection or receipt of public money, shall at the time of paying such money into the treasury, make oath, (which either of the treasurers may administer) that he received bills of credit to the amount by him paid in, in virtue of his office; and every deputy shall return to his principal an account on oath of the bills of credit by him received; and if any officer shall swear falsely in the premises, he shall be liable to prosecution and punishment as for wilful and corrupt perjury; and the treasurer shall not allow any collector, deputy collector, naval officer, or other person receiving public money, to exchange bills of credit for gold or silver. And be it enacted, That no person shall be allowed, at any time within the space of thirty days, to exchange at the treasury more than one hundred pounds in bills of credit for the like sum of specie, nor shall any person be allowed to exchange money not belonging to him, her, or themselves, to be verified, if required, by affidavit of the party or parties desiring to make such exchange; and the treasurer, or in his absence his deputy, may require such oath or affirmation, and are hereby empowered to administer the same; and the treasurer, in making the exchange, shall not admit applications to be lodged with him for specie when there is none in the office." Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Stone appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Lethbury,	Roberts,	R. Bowie,	Chaille,	Carey,	Stull,
	Graves,	John Dashiell,	F. Bowie,	Joseph Dashiell,	Wheeler,	Cellars,
	Hall,	Waters,	John Seney,	Purnell,	Hughlett,	Funk,
	Grahame,	Baker,	Sewell,	Faw,	Driver,	Oneale,
	Janey,	Oglevee,	Joshua Seney,	Beatty,	Dwines,	Wootton,
	Franzer,	Miller,	Jackson,	Bayly,	M'Mechen,	Cramphin.
	Stevenson,	Digges,				

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Key,	B. Worthington,	Dent,	Goldsbrough,	Kirkman,	Norris,
	I. Bond,	N. Worthington,	Turner,	Bracco,	Hooper,	Love,
	Semerville,	Carroll,	Stone,	Gale,	Quynn,	Beall.
	De Butts,	Jones,	Edmondson,	Adams,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The orders of the day are postponed for consideration until to-morrow morning.

Samuel Hughes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act directing what shall be good evidence to prove foreign and other debts, and deeds and wills, and instruments in writing, executed in any of the United States, or in any foreign country, for allowing discounts, and for repealing an act of assembly therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 22, 1785: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, December 23, 1785.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of James Chapalear and Thomas Lock, of Saint Mary's county, beg leave to report, That they have considered the same, and are of opinion the petitioners ought to be vested with a right to the land purchased by Joseph Burroughs, so that the same may be sold, towards exonerating the petitioners from the claims the state have against them, as securities for the aforesaid Burroughs, as it evidently appears, by a certificate hereto annexed, that the said land will not sell for a sum nearly sufficient to satisfy the claims of the state. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

The bill to make valid two deeds of conveyance from William Hicks to Vernon Hebb and James Adderton, was read the second time and passed.

ORDERED, That this house will, on to-morrow, take into consideration the letter of the late governor of the 14th of November last to the general assembly, enclosing his letter of the 22d of April last to the intendant of the revenue, and his answer, respecting the advance of money to the state agent to defray the charges and expences incurred, or to be incurred, in defending and prosecuting the suits in the court of chancery of Great Britain, relative to the bank stock, on the agent's giving bond with security to account for the expenditure of the said money.

A memorial from Elizabeth Fleming, Margaret Offutt, and Anne Harding, of Montgomery county, praying a restitution of property sold by the intendant of the revenue; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Wootton, Mr. Oneale, and Mr. Beall, to consider and report thereon.

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